versity level books in Hindi and regional languages, production of books for non-formal education, establishment of National Organisation of authors on co-operative basis, acquisition of copyright of books in public domain, establishment of Book Finance Corporation, supply of paper at reasonable prices, reduction in postal rates for despatch of books, development of libraries, registration of publishers etc.

Government is examining these recommendations in consultation with other departments|agencies.

**Investigations into disappearance of Merchant Ships**

2005. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the search for and the CBI investigations into the mysterious disappearance of the two ships 'Nityananak' and 'Nityaram' have been completed;

(b) if so, what are the findings and also the opinion of the Lloyds and other international agencies in this regard; and

(c) whether the sea-worthiness of the two ships was checked before they were allowed to sail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Formal investigation into the missing ship Nitya Nanak conducted by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bombay, has come to a conclusion that the vessel was not maintained properly by owners which caused water to enter in her holds and in fore peak which probably caused her to sink. The investigation has also concluded that there is a *prima facie* case of gross negligence on the part of the owners on several counts. The CBI investigations are not concluded.

(b) The ships were not classed with Lloyds Register of Shipping nor insured with Lloyds Underwriters and therefore, the conclusions of Lloyds are not available. The International Maritime Bureau, London, who were earlier contacted in the matter were of the opinion that since both the casualties involved disappearance of the entire crew for such a long period of time and no further information had surfaced, no useful purpose would be served by commencement of investigation by them. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate is yet to conduct a formal investigation in the case of M.V. Nitya Ram.

(c) The seaworthiness of the two ships was checked according to the rules made under the Merchant Shipping Act and the rules of the Classification Societies. It has however, been ascertained in the court of formal investigation that the owner did not maintain the vessels in a seaworthy condition after she was so inspected. The owner had carried a large number of temporary repairs but never intimated the authorities of the same. The investigating magistrate has concluded that the Nitya Nanak was not seaworthy when she left Colombo.

**Contaminated intravenous Solution**

2006. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased ot state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 21st June, 1986 under the caption "Injecting patients with fatal fluid";

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has since been conducted against the manufacturer, Ahmedabad-based Shree Krishakeshav Laboratory; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The press report relates to presence of fungus in I.V. fluids. As and when complaints